

MINUTES

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERNDIVISION**

HON. CHARLES S. COODY, MAG. JUDGE AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DATE COMMENCED: 2/6/06 AT FTR: 1:35 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

DATE COMPLETED: 2/6/06 AT Digital Recorded

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs.

BERNEETTA WILLIS

Defendant

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CASE NO.: 2:06MJ10-CSC

GOVERNMENT

APPEARANCES:

DEFENDANT

Atty. Christopher Synder
Atty. Andrew Schiff

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Atty. Bruce Maddox

Mr. Ron Thweatt, USPTS

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COURT OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COURTROOM DEPUTY: WANDA STINSON

(X) OTHER PROCEEDINGS: **PRELIMINARY /DETENTION HEARING**

SEE MINUTES ATTACHED

LOG OF PROCEEDINGS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED			
Description	Detention /Preliminary - 06mj10-CSC		
Date	2 / 6 /2006	Location	Courtroom 4B
Time	Speaker	Note	
1 :35:15 PM	Court	Convenes; parties present;	
1 :35:30 PM	Atty. Synder	Calls Agent Ed Kleppinger, III; witness is sworn and seated; Discussion as to the investigation of fraudulent Katrina funds; Discussion and review of Govt. Exh. #1; Move to admit. Govt. Exh. #1;	
1 :46:02 PM	Court	It's admitted;	
1 :46:10 PM	Atty. Synder	Cont'd testimony; Discussion of the execution of search warrant; Items found in the search;	
1 :54:42 PM	Atty. Maddox	Cross examination;	
2 :06:38 PM	Atty. Synder	Re- direct;	
2 :07:41 PM	Atty. Maddox	Re- cross exam;	
2 :07:55 PM	Court	Witness is excused;	
2 :08:07 PM	Atty. Maddox	One more question to witness;	
2 :08:32 PM	Court	Witness is excused;	
2 :08:39 PM	Atty. Maddox	Calls Krystal Washington ; witness is sworn and seated; Discussion of incident occurred at the Rose Club;	
2 :16:37 PM	Atty. Synder	Cross - examination ;	
2 :20:07 PM	Court	Witness is excused;	
2 :20:13 PM	Atty. Maddox	Calls Elizabeth Dean; Witness is sworn and seated;	
2 :25:12 PM	Atty. Synder	Cross - examination;	
2 :27:23 PM	Court	Witness is excused;	
2 :27:31 PM	Atty. Maddox	Calls Lucy Orum; witness is sworn and seated;	
2 :30:39 PM	Atty. Synder	Cross - examination;	
2 :31:53 PM	Atty. Maddox	Re- direct;	
2 :32:07 PM	Court	Witness is excused;	
2 :32:38 PM	Court	Discussion as to govt. motion to detain and standard of proof;	
2 :32:47 PM	Atty. Synder	Response; believes the govt has met the standard of proof;	
2 :33:05 PM	Court	Discussion as to the standards as to the bail reform act;	
2 :33:15 PM	Atty. Synder	Response;	
2 :33:18 PM	Court	Where is the clear and convincing evidence?	
2 :33:19 PM	Atty. Synder	Response;	
2 :33:39 PM	Court	Discussion of the contradiction of evidence;	
2 :33:52 PM	Atty. Synder	Deft admitted she had a gun and used it at the Rose Supper Club;	
2 :34:10 PM	Atty. Maddox	Addresses the court ;	
2 :35:16 PM	Court	Find that sufficient evidence that a crime has been committed; The govt. has failed to meet it's burden of proof as to detention; Court ORDERS that the deft be released on bond and conditions to include home confinement; Court will recess to allow the pretrial service officer and counsel for deft to go over the bond and conditions of release with deft;	

2 :36:26 PM	Atty. Maddox	Questions regarding health conditions;
2 :48:59 PM	Court	Court recovenes;
2 :49:04 PM	Atty. Maddox	Addresses the court as to the children of the deft who will need to be picked up from school;
2 :49:56 PM	Court	Discussion and execution of the bond and conditions of release;
2 :50:31 PM	Court	Court is recessed.